

No. XXXI.

An Act to incorporate and endow the University SYDNEY UNIVERSITY. of Sydney. [1st October, 1850.]

WHIEREAS it is deemed expedient for the better advancement of Preamble.
religion and morality and the promotion of useful knowledge
to hold forth to all classes and denominations of Her Majesty's
subjects resident in the Colony of New South Wales without any
distinction whatsoever an encouragement for pursuing a regular and
liberal course of education Be it therefore enacted by His Excellency
the Governor of New South Wales with the advice and consent of the
Legislative Council thereof That for the purpose of ascertaining by
means of examination the persons who shall acquire proficiency in
literature science and art and of rewarding them by academical
degrees as evidence of their respective attainments and by marks of
honor proportioned thereto a Senate consisting of the number of
persons hereinafter mentioned shall within three months after the
passing of this Act be nominated and appointed by the said Governor
with the advice of the Executive Council of the said Colony by
Proclamation to be duly published in the *New South Wales Govern-
ment Gazette* which Senate shall be and is hereby constituted from
the date of such nomination and appointment a body politic and
corporate by the name of "The University of Sydney" by which
name such body politic shall have perpetual succession and shall
have a common seal and shall by the same name sue and be sued
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and personal property whatsoever and shall also be able and capable in law to take purchase and hold to them and their successors not only such lands buildings hereditaments and possessions as may from time to time be exclusively used and occupied for the immediate requirements of the said University but also any other lands buildings hereditaments and possessions whatsoever situate in the said Colony or elsewhere and that they and their successors shall be able and capable in law to grant demise alien or otherwise dispose of all or any of the property real or personal belonging to the said University and also to do all other matters and things incidental to or appertaining to a body politic.

Not to have power to alienate or mortgage lands &c. unless with approval of the Governor and Executive Council.

2. Provided always and be it enacted That it shall not be lawful for the said University to alienate mortgage charge or demise any lands tenements or hereditaments to which it may become entitled by grant purchase or otherwise unless with the approval of the Governor and Executive Council of the said Colony for the time being except by way of lease for any term not exceeding thirty-one years from the time when such lease shall be made in and by which there shall be reserved and made payable during the whole of the term thereby granted the best yearly rent that can be reasonably gotten for the same without any fine or foregift.

Governor may issue out of General or Ordinary Revenues yearly a sum not exceeding £5,000 to defray annual expenses.

3. And be it enacted That by way of permanent endowment for the said University the said Governor shall be and is hereby empowered by Warrant under his hand to direct to be issued and paid out of the General or Ordinary Revenues of the said Colony by four equal quarterly payments on the first day of January the first day of April the first day of July and the first day of October in every year as a fund for building and for defraying the several stipends which shall be appointed to be paid to the several Professors or Teachers of literature science and art and to such necessary officers and servants as shall be from time to time appointed by the said University and for defraying the expense of such prizes scholarships and exhibitions as shall be awarded for the encouragement of Students in the said University and for providing gradually a library for the same and for discharging all incidental and necessary charges connected with the current expenditure thereof or otherwise the sum of five thousand pounds in each and every year the first instalment thereof to become due and payable on the first day of January one thousand eight hundred and fifty-one.

Sixteen Fellows to constitute a Senate with power to elect a Provost for a limited period.

4. And be it enacted That the said body politic and corporate shall consist of sixteen Fellows twelve of whom at the least shall be laymen and all of whom shall be members of and constitute a Senate who shall have power to elect out of their own body by a majority of votes a Provost of the said University for such period as the said Senate shall from time to time appoint and whenever a vacancy shall occur in the office of Provost of the said University either by death resignation or otherwise to elect out of their own body by a majority of votes a fit and proper person to be the Provost instead of the Provost occasioning such vacancy.

How vacancies to be filled up.

5. And be it enacted That until there shall be one hundred Graduates of the said University who shall have taken the degree of Master of Arts Doctor of Laws or Doctor of Medicine all vacancies which shall occur by death resignation or otherwise among the Fellows of the said Senate shall be filled up as they may occur by the election of such other fit and proper persons as the remaining members of the said Senate shall at meetings to be duly convened for that purpose from time to time elect to fill up such vacancies Provided always that no such vacancy unless created by death or resignation shall occur for any cause whatever unless such cause shall have been previously specified

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specified by some by-law of the said body politic and corporate duly passed as hereinafter mentioned.

6. And be it enacted That the office of Vice Provost of the said University shall be an annual office and the said Fellows shall at a meeting to be holden by them within six months after the passing of this Act elect out of the said Senate a Vice Provost and on some day before the expiration of the tenure of the said office of which due notice shall be given elect one other fit and proper person to be the Vice Provost of the said University and so from time to time annually or in case of the death resignation or other avoidance of any such Vice Provost before the expiration of his year of office shall at a meeting to be holden by them for that purpose as soon as conveniently may be of which due notice shall be given elect some other fit and proper person to be Vice Provost for the remainder of the year in which such death resignation or other avoidance shall happen such person to be chosen from among themselves by the major part of the Fellows present at such meeting Provided always that the Vice Provost shall be capable of re-election to the same office as often as shall be deemed meet.

Vice Provost to be elected annually.

Vice Provost to be capable of re-election.

7. Provided always and be it enacted That as soon as there shall be not fewer than one hundred Graduates who have taken any or either of the degrees of Master of Arts Doctor of Laws or Doctor of Medicine all vacancies thereafter occurring in the said Senate shall be from time to time filled up by the majority of such Graduates present and duly convened for that purpose.

Proviso that when there shall be one hundred Graduates all vacancies in Senate to be filled up by them.

8. And be it enacted That the said Senate shall have full power to appoint and dismiss all professors tutors officers and servants belonging to the said University and also the entire management of and superintendence over the affairs concerns and property of the said University and in all cases unprovided for by this Act it shall be lawful for the said Senate to act in such manner as shall appear to them to be best calculated to promote the purposes intended by the said University and the said Senate shall have full power from time to time to make and also to alter any statutes by-laws and regulations (so as the same be not repugnant to any existing law or to the general objects and provisions of this Act) touching the discipline of the said University the examinations for scholarships exhibitions degrees or honors and the granting of the same respectively and touching the mode and time of convening the meetings of the said Senate and in general touching all other matters whatsoever regarding the said University and all such statutes by-laws and regulations when reduced into writing and after the common seal of the said University shall have been affixed thereto shall be binding upon all persons members thereof and all candidates for degrees to be conferred by the same all such statutes by-laws and regulations having been first submitted to the Governor and Executive Council of the said Colony for the time being and approved of and countersigned by the said Governor Provided always that the production of a verified copy of any such statutes by-laws and regulations under the seal of the said body politic and corporate shall be sufficient evidence of the authenticity of the same in all Courts of Justice.

Senate to have entire management and superintendence.

9. And be it enacted That all questions which shall come before the said Senate shall be decided by the majority of the members present and the Chairman at any such meeting shall have a vote and in case of an equality of votes a second or casting vote and that no question shall be decided at any meeting unless the Provost or Vice Provost and seven Fellows or in the absence of the Provost and Vice Provost unless eight Fellows at the least shall be present at the time of such decision.

Questions to be decided by majority of votes.

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Chairman of meetings.

10. And be it enacted That at every meeting of the said Senate the Provost or in his absence the Vice Provost shall preside as Chairman or in the absence of both a Chairman shall be chosen by the members present or the major part of them.

Students from other colleges and educational establishments may be admitted as candidates for certain degrees.

11. And whereas it is expedient to extend the benefits of colleges and educational establishments already instituted or which may be hereafter instituted for the promotion of literature science and art whether incorporated or not incorporated by connecting them for such purposes with the said University Be it enacted That all persons shall be admitted as candidates for the respective degrees of Bachelor of Arts Master of Arts Bachelor of Laws or Doctor of Laws to be conferred by the said University of Sydney on presenting to the said Senate a certificate from any such colleges or educational establishments or from the head master thereof to the effect that such candidate has completed the course of instruction which the said Senate by regulation in that behalf shall determine Provided that no such certificate shall be received from any educational establishment unless the said University shall authorize it to issue such certificates Provided also that it shall be lawful for the said Senate to apply any portion of the said endowment fund to the establishment and maintenance of a college in connexion with and under the supervision of the said University.

As to medical degrees.

12. And be it enacted That for the purpose of granting the degrees of Bachelor of Medicine and Doctor of Medicine and for the improvement of medical education in all its branches as well in Medicine as in Surgery Midwifery and Pharmacy the said Senate shall from time to time report to the Governor and Executive Council for the time being of the said Colony what appear to them to be the medical institutions and schools whether corporate or unincorporated in the City of Sydney from which either singly or jointly with other medical institutions and schools in the said Colony or in Foreign parts it may be fit and expedient in the judgment of the said Senate to admit candidates for medical degrees and on approval of such report by the said Governor and Executive Council shall admit all persons as candidates for the respective degrees of Bachelor of Medicine and Doctor of Medicine to be conferred by the said University on presenting to the said Senate a certificate from any such institution or school to the effect that such candidate has completed the course of instruction which the said Senate from time to time by regulation in that behalf shall prescribe.

Senate may confer degrees for which fees may be charged.

13. And be it enacted That the said Senate shall have power after examination to confer the several degrees of Bachelor of Arts Master of Arts Bachelor of Laws Doctor of Laws Bachelor of Medicine and Doctor of Medicine and to examine for medical degrees in the four branches of Medicine Surgery Midwifery and Pharmacy and that such reasonable fee shall be charged for the degrees so conferred as the said Senate with the approbation of the said Governor and Executive Council shall from time to time direct and such fees shall be carried to one general fee fund for the payment of the expenses of the said University and that a full account of the whole income and expenditure of the said University shall once in every year be transmitted to the Colonial Secretary for the purpose of being submitted to the Legislative Council or Assembly of the said Colony as the case may be and subjected to such examination and audit as the said Legislative Council or Assembly may direct.

Accounts of annual income and expenditure to be laid before Legislative Council.

Examiners to declare names of candidates and their proficiency certificates of which to be granted by Provost.

14. And be it enacted That at the conclusion of every examination of the candidates the Examiners shall declare the name of every candidate whom they shall have deemed to be entitled to any of the said degrees and the departments of knowledge in which his proficiency shall

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shall have been evinced and also his proficiency in relation to that of other candidates and he shall receive from the said Provost a certificate under the seal of the said University of Sydney and signed by the said Provost in which the particulars so declared shall be stated.

15. Provided always and be it enacted That all statutes by-laws and regulations made from time to time touching the examination of candidates and granting of degrees shall be submitted for the consideration and approval of the Governor and Executive Council.

By-laws &c. to be submitted to Governor and Executive Council for approval.

16. And be it enacted That the Governor of the said Colony for the time being shall be the Visitor of the said University of Sydney with authority to do all things which pertain to Visitors as often as to him shall seem meet.

Governor to be Visitor of the University.

17. And be it declared and enacted That it shall be lawful for the Professors or Teachers in the said University in addition to the stipends with which they shall be so respectively endowed to demand and receive from the Students of the said University such reasonable fees for attendance on their lectures and for the Treasurer of the said University to collect from the said Students on behalf of the said University such reasonable fees for entrance degrees and other University charges as shall be from time to time provided by any statutes by-laws or regulations of the said University.

Professors may demand fees from Students and Treasurer may charge fees for entrance &c.

18. And for the better government of the Students in the said University Be it enacted That no Student shall be allowed to attend the lectures or classes of the same unless he shall dwell with his parent or guardian or with some near relative or friend selected by his parent or guardian and approved by the Provost or Vice Provost or in some collegiate or other educational establishment or with a tutor or master of a boarding house licensed by the Provost or Vice Provost as hereinafter mentioned.

Regulations as to where Students shall reside.

19. And be it enacted That every person who is desirous of being licensed as a tutor or master of a boarding house in connexion with the said University shall apply in writing under his hand to the Provost or Vice Provost of the said University for his license and it shall be lawful for the said Provost or Vice Provost if he or they shall think fit to require of any such applicant such testimonials of character and fitness for the office as shall be satisfactory to such Provost or Vice Provost and the application shall specify the house or houses belonging to or occupied by the applicant and intended by him for the reception of Students and the number of Students who may be conveniently lodged and boarded therein and thereupon it shall be lawful for the Provost or Vice Provost in their discretion to grant or withhold the license for the academical year then current or then next ensuing and every such license shall be registered in the archives of the said University and shall inure until the end of the academical year in which it shall be registered and shall then be of no force unless renewed in like manner but shall be revocable at any time and may forthwith be revoked by the Provost or Vice Provost in case of any misbehaviour of such tutor or master of a boarding house or of the Students under his care which in the opinion of the Provost or Vice Provost and a majority of the Professors of the said University ought to be punished by immediate revocation of such license.

Regulations as to licensing Tutors with whom Students may reside.

20. And be it enacted That no religious test shall be administered to any person in order to entitle him to be admitted as a Student of the said University or to hold any office therein or to partake of any advantage or privilege thereof Provided always that this enactment shall not be deemed to prevent the making of regulations for securing the due attendance of the students for divine worship at such church or chapel as shall be approved by their parents or guardians respectively.

As to religious tests.

Steam Navigation.

By-laws rules &c.
to be from time to
time laid before the
Legislative Council.

21. And be it enacted That all statutes by-laws rules and regulations which shall be made and approved from time to time by the said Governor and Executive Council concerning the government and discipline of the said University which shall be in force at the beginning of every Session of the said Legislative Council or Legislative Assembly of the said Colony and which shall not have been before that time laid before the said Legislative Council or Legislative Assembly shall from time to time within six weeks after the beginning of every such Session be laid before the same by the Colonial Secretary for the time being.

Proceedings of Uni-
versity shall once at
least in every year
be reported to the
Governor and
Executive Council
and copy of Report
laid before the Legis-
lative Council.

22. And be it enacted That the said University shall once at least in every year and also whenever the pleasure of the Governor for the time being shall be signified in that behalf report their proceedings to the said Governor and Executive Council and a copy of every such report shall be laid before the said Legislative Council or Legislative Assembly within six weeks after the same shall have been made if such Legislative Council or Assembly be then sitting or if not then within six weeks next after the meeting of the same.

Act may be altered
or amended.

23. Provided always and be it declared and enacted That nothing herein contained shall be deemed or construed to prevent the Legislature of the Colony for the time being from altering amending or repealing the provisions of this Act or any of them as the public interest may at any time seem to render necessary or expedient.

Not to interfere with
the rights of Her
Majesty.

24. And be it declared and enacted That nothing in this Act contained shall be deemed to affect or to interfere with any right title or interest of Her Majesty Her Heirs and Successors or in any way to limit the Royal Prerogative.